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The United States troops are useful chiefly to protect the Mexican raiders from the Texahs.—Times-Union.

It does look that way.

Every day almost, there is a report from some Florida county bonding for good roads or some Florida City bonding for other improvements.

Judging by the vote in Romeo, Lebanon and Inglis, that belated attempt at Williston to fool Dunnellon didn't cut much ice. But we are glad our little friend, the Advocate, was given that nice, full-page ad.

Mr. James Menzies, freight traffic manager of the A. C. L., writes to Secretary Rooney that he is at work trying to obtain good rates to New York for the products of the Ocala Knitting Factory.

From the island of Barbados, down in the West Indies, comes a letter to Secretary Rooney, telling how an American citizen now a resident of the island, has received a copy of "Facts and Photos," and wants to know more about Marion county.

We are going to have a mighty good fair this year. We couldn't have had so good a one without the help of the people of Blitchton, Cotton Plant, Romeo, Flemington, Geiger and Fairfield. The people of East Levy are invited to come over and rejoice with us.

Our contemporaries will do Ocala and the Confederate Veterans of the state a favor by announcing that the annual meeting of the Florida division will be held in this city Oct. 27, 28, 29. Ocala intends to give the old soldiers a warm welcome, and hopes to see them all and many of their friends.

Supervisor of Registration D. M. Barco, in the name of the people of Cotton Plant precinct, thanked the Star for its fight against county division. The Star told Mr. Barco to tell the people of Cotton Plant that it was a pleasure as well as a duty to make a fight to keep such a good precinct in the county.

Judge Reeves, who is presiding over the circuit court at Clearwater, has the sessions of the court opened with prayer. There is great need for absolute sincerity during the proceedings, but we doubt that the praying will cause any lawyer in attendance on the court to abandon any slick scheme by which he hopes to win a case.

There was nobody from Williston in town Wednesday. We understand the Willistonians were busy all day trying to identify, with a view to lynching, the skiddoo number of their citizens who voted against Bloxham. The large-hearted and tolerant people of Northwest Marion have already forgiven the few misguided ones who tried to vote their precincts into a pocket-sized county.

Senator N. P. Bryan, Marshal J. C. Brown and Mr. George M. Powell arrived in the city last night from Lake county in the senator's auto, which by the way is not the gilded chariot his opponents would make it out to be, but simply a sturdy and travel-worn roadster. The three gentlemen passed the night at the Harrington and went on this morning to Jacksonville. Senator Bryan isn't talking politics very much. He is receiving a warm welcome wherever he goes, however.

Two friends of Marion county and the Star Messrs. W. T. Whittington and G. H. Whittington, of Geiger, were in town Wednesday, and paid this office a pleasant call. Both did good work for old Marion in the campaign. The vote in their precinct was 6 for division and 60 against—ten to one. These two gentlemen converted everybody they worked on except one, and he was mighty penitent after he attended the "barbecue" at Williston Monday.

At every meeting of the legislature for the last eight years, some bunch of self-seeking politicians have been present with a tale of woe about the discontent of the people of Northwest Marion with their county. Tuesday, the people of the section affected voted on the subject. Their votes counted up as follows: For Marion, 260; against Marion, 83. That is to say, 3 voters out of 4, and 11 over, unequivocally declared their desire to stay in their home county. We don't think any bunch of politicians will have the nerve to spring this question in the near future. If they do, it will be necessary only to point to the vote of Sept. 14, 1915.

Alderman Fausett offers the city a good, well situated lot, on Exposition

street, right by the fair grounds, for a site for the waterworks. This would locate the works in a hundred yards or so of his residence, but he doesn't seem to be worried about the noise. Mr. Seymour also offers the city a good location. And we know that a great many people think, that if the works are to be removed, they should go to Silver Springs, where there is an abundance of pure water, and where the city could haul its fuel by the water route, saving thousands of dollars in freight rates. One thing is sure—the works will not be located on the Taylor pond lot. The people won't have them there, and that is all there is to it.

Our Wacahoota correspondent writes:

"We have been reading closely the pros and cons of Bloxham county in the Star and Courier, and we are afraid if Mr. Benjamin waits until some one tells him they have heard any of the Willistonites tell anybody that the story of Marion county being bonded to cut a canal to Silver Springs was started by an irresponsible person it will be after the election. For we can truly say they have talked for hours trying to make people, who knew better, believe it was true. We also note that the Courier never prints any matter in favor of Marion county. But no doubt they are afraid for their Bloxhamites to read any thing against it for fear they would at once see the falsity of their arguments and change and be staunch supporters of Marion county."

As their unfair tactics did them more harm than good, we can afford to forgive them.

## THE MAGIC CITY

Miami, Fla., Sept. 12, 1915. From the hotel porch looking down on Twelfth street Saturday evening one catches fascinating glimpses of Miami's colorful life. The heat has died and the golden stars sparkle in the deep, cool darkness of the summer day. The long, dry stalk of the day begins to unfold its wonderful blossoms and an endless stream of people ebbs and flows along the brilliantly lighted streets and the evening air is filled with speech and laughter. Merry parties in cars bowl through the charming drives and along the beaches where the lapping sound of the Atlantic furnishes a lulling undertone to the gayer, lighter human sounds.

Tonight I suddenly came upon a party of Seminole solemnly filing through the cosmopolitan throng. A buck, holding an Indian child by the hand led the way, closely followed by a squaw with a papoose astride her hip, and behind her a young Indian woman. All wore bright garments of red and orange, Roman striped, and many strings of bright beads, the children being adorned replicas of the older ones. I walked behind them a block until they turned into a shop to catch the fascinating effect as they threaded their way, sinuous savage line, through the picturesque scene. Thus do extremes meet here and give their touch to the interesting panorama.

The impression of beauty I received on my first visit to Miami has in no wise diminished and at the end of by second week here I find its charms stronger than at first. I have that within to make of me another enthusiast. Although myself "a stranger within her gates," I find myself telling the newer comes the wonderful story of growth and development that Miami has written upon the pages of her history. As the board of trade puts it, "Miami has grown from an Indian camping ground to a full grown city in eighteen years. Within the past two years over four million dollars have been spent in homes and business blocks alone, and each year more and more of the men who have made thousands in the west and north come here to build their homes and live where life is at its fullest. Rocky wastes, on which only a few years ago were scattered the shanties of the Seminole Indians are now made gardens of Eden, covered with homes of men who are familiar to the world for their wealth and their works."

Coming from a section where we think in small sums and our horizon is pent, into an atmosphere of progress and development, where thousands are working out a giant plan, one comes to feel the waste of the time we have spent cutting each other's throats and scuttling each other's boats. Here under the vast, solemn, tropical sky, looking across the glittering plains of water one comes to feel only the desire to become a part of the whole plan and to share its mighty fate. "My thoughts go forth, imperial in their might, wearing a crown of light. Proudly they go to meet Commander Time with his incoming fleet of splendid years."

Since my arrival I have met many people I have known before and find

many Marion county people here. Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Rowe, (she formerly Miss Beatrice Sinclair), Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Tomberlin, (the latter formerly Miss Florida Condon), the Chaille family, the Godsons, Capt. John H. Welsh, Mrs. Charles Wheeler, formerly Miss Effie Welsh, all apparently prosperous and happy. Judge J. L. Billingsley and Judge Samuel J. Barco, both of whom have achieved distinction and success, are Marion county boys. At nearby Fort Lauderdale a group of Ocala boys are making good in business, among them being George G. Mathews, A. J. Beck, W. I. Evans, Julian and William Bullock and Oscar Burnett.

Contrary to an impression in circulation in the interior of Florida that Miami is merely a tourist town and that there is nothing back of it, I was much interested in the figures given by the board of trade for 1914 which show that during that year Dade county produced 3,629,238 boxes of oranges, grapefruit and other fruits, including avocados, mangoes, limes, coconuts and pineapples, valued at \$1,086,432 and 1,965,067 crates of vegetables which sold for \$2,474,948. There were fifteen lumber mills in the county with an output of 120,000 feet daily and two hundred fishing boats employing five hundred men engaged in the fish business. The bank statements now show over four million dollars in deposits in Miami and business conditions generally are healthy.

The section is appealingly, alluringly beautiful and its charm lays hold on and finds response in the hearts of those who love life, full, tropical and vibrant. Jefferson Bell.

## HIGGINBOTHAM-GATES

The marriage of Miss Sue Gates of Anthony, and Mr. Nolan Kerby Higginbotham of Gainesville, was solemnized in the Methodist church, at Anthony, Saturday, Sept. 11th, at 2:30 o'clock, this being the thirty-fourth marriage anniversary of the bride's parents.

The church was decorated with pot plants, southern smilax and Japanese bamboo. The color scheme for the decorations was green and pink on a white background, which made a beautiful setting for the wedding.

Mrs. Frederick Swain accompanied by Mrs. C. C. Higginbotham of Gainesville, sang beautifully, "O Promise Me" and "Beloved It Is Morn," followed by Schuman's immortal reverie, "Traumerei," played by Miss Harwell, who also played the wedding marches. Promptly at 2:30 o'clock to the strains of the bridal chorus from Lohengrin's, the bridal party entered the church. First came the little pillow bearer Miss Wilhelmina Gates, in an accented pleated organ and lace dress with pink ribbons, followed by the matron of honor, Mrs. J. Moncrief Gates. The dame of honor, Mrs. Cannas Higginbotham, sister-in-law of the groom, and bridesmaids, Misses Alv and Esther Gates, sisters of the bride, advanced up the right aisle as the ushers, Messrs. Holmes Gates, Grady C. Higginbotham, and Thomas Proctor came up the left, crossing in front of the altar.

Immediately preceding the bride, came the ring bearer, little Miss Sue Gates, carrying the ring in the heart of a satin rose with a shower of valley roses, and the flower girl, little Miss Ida Gates strewed rose petals in the bride's pathway, who followed on the arm of her father, Mr. James Madison Gates, who gave her away. She was met at the altar by the groom and his best man, Mr. B. C. Chitty of Gainesville. The impressive ceremony was read by Rev. N. B. Plummer, the bride's pastor, the ring service being used. The bride wore a going-away gown of midnight blue cloth, trimmed with fur and a velvet picture hat trimmed with ostrich feathers, her only ornament being a pearl and diamond pendant, a gift of the groom. The bride carried a shower bouquet of brides' roses and valley lilies. The matron of honor wore a blue accented pleated chiffon taffeta with shadow-lace trimmings and picture hat in blue and white and carried pink roses. The bridesmaids wore pink and blue crepe de chene and picture hats to match, each carrying arm bouquets of roses tied with pink and blue tulle. The bride's mother was handsomely gowned in black messaline with chiffon trimmings.

Immediately after the ceremony an informal reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. After the reception the bridal party, accompanied by a few friends and out of town guests motored to Ocala, where the newly married couple took the honeymoon limited for a three weeks' honeymoon in the north and west, departing amid showers of rice, old shoes and good wishes. Mr. and Mrs. Higginbotham will be at home to their friends after October 1st, at Gainesville, Fla., where they will reside, and where Mr. Higginbotham is connected with the division superintendent's office of the A. C. L.

They were recipients of many beautiful and valuable presents and carry with them the hearty good wishes of a large circle of friends. Among the out of town guests were Mrs. Louis Lang, Mrs. Ida Gates, Mrs. Edward Montgomery, Dr. J. E. Thrasher Jr., Mrs. W. L. Simonton, Mr. J. W. Chamberlin, Miss Bernice Knox, Miss Winifred Franklin, Miss Mary Simonton, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gates and family of Micanopy, and Miss Eddie Mae Barrett of Helena, Ga.

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## The Diamond From the Sky

By ROY L. MCCARDELL

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(Continued from Yesterday)

## CHAPTER XX.

Wealth From the Desert.

MRS. STANLEY resolved to make friends with Hagar's supposed daughter, if Arthur Stanley, so called, was not the rightful heir. Blair Stanley was. But this left the girl heir to Stanley hall, and all could be conserved and all be well if Blair might return and marry Esther.

Even though Hagar recovered her faculties, she must remain silent as to Blair's guilt, were he Esther's husband, thought Mrs. Stanley. As for Arthur Stanley, so called, there was slight fear of his returning.

The shrewd mother of Blair Stanley guessed now the true cause of Arthur's flight and continued absence. It was because he also had learned the Stanley secret.

At Stanley hall Esther, made a woman and resolute by all the tragic occurrences that of late had befallen her, resolved it was her duty to examine further into the documents in Hagar's brass bound box. Esther had endeavored vainly to lift the cloud from Hagar's mind by earnest inquiries and kindly beseechings. But Hagar would only moan, "My son, give me back my son, my little babe."

Then Esther read the documents. The proof was plain. She was in her rightful place at Stanley hall, for she was Esther Stanley. But she resolved, through the love she bore for him she had known as Arthur Stanley, that she would take the secret to the grave. She would spare Arthur the shame she knew his proud spirit would feel.

What to her were place and position here in Fairfax among a proud people who, so far as their women folk were concerned had ignored her?

Yet when we are young we have our hopes and dreams. Esther's hope and dream was the return of Arthur, the sharing of the secret with him, and his love. Then all would be well. So it was that Esther was not wholly surprised when Blair Stanley's mother called at Stanley hall and proffered her friendship and assistance.

There were no confidences exchanged between them. Esther suspected that Blair's mother vaguely knew, but in her loneliness and having no friend save the humble though devoted Quabba, Esther was glad to accept the proffered friendship of her austere kinswoman, though neither spoke of the tie.

Mrs. Stanley suggested that Hagar be taken to Richmond for treatment for her mental affliction. She also insisted that Esther should go to Richmond and be introduced into the best circles there by Mrs. Burton Randolph.

It may have been that Mrs. Burton Randolph stood in fear of her austere kinswoman, Mrs. Judge Stanley—fear that was augmented by the fact that Blair's mother knew the true character of Vivian Marston.

It also may have been that the sweet nature and beauty of Esther and her gentle breeding appealed to Mrs. Randolph more than her fears of Blair's mother. It always had been Mrs. Randolph's pet diversion to have a protegee. At any rate, Mrs. Randolph made Esther a welcome guest and protégée.

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and assisted Blair's mother in securing the leading alienist of Richmond to treat Hagar for her mental infirmity.

Quabba had been left behind at Stanley hall, but Quabba suspected that Blair's mother was an old foe with a new face of friendship. As always, he resolved to guard Esther and be followed her to Richmond.

Mrs. Randolph had suggested to Blair's mother, when she found Mrs. Stanley desired her son's return, to consult with that astute private detective, Tom Blake, in settling the claims that were against the reckless Blair in Richmond.

Blake effected a conference between Blair's mother and Abe Bloom the



Hagar and Esther Arrive Again at Stanley Hall With the Brass Bound Box.

gambling house keeper, who held the bad check for \$2,000 he had cashed for Blair, and who was the most pressing claimant against him.

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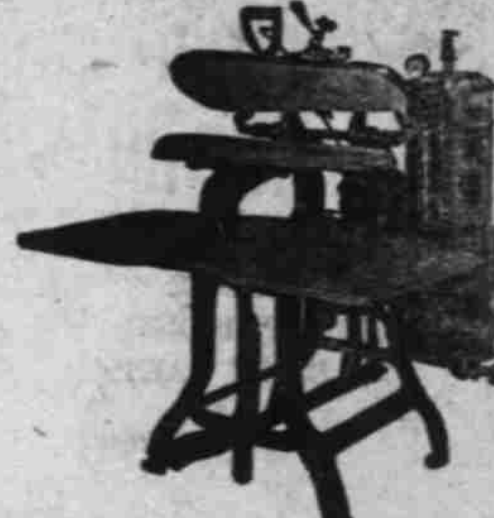
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